

VIRGINIA'S RICHES IN ITS COAL MINES

Output for Last Calendar
Year Exceeds Four
Millions Value.

LARGE NUMBER
ARE EMPLOYED

More Than Five Thousand
Among Black Diamonds for
Daily Bread—The Great
Growth of State's Coal
Mining Industry in
Few Decades.

BY WALTER EDWARD HARRIS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 24.—Virginia coal production for the year ending December 31, 1906, was 4,251,873 short tons, the value of \$14,181,991 at the mines. Virginia was the only State of importance in coal production east of the Mississippi whose production was less last year than in 1905. The decrease, however, was unimportant, amounting to 26,392 short tons only.

The price received for coal during the year was entirely satisfactory to the operators, as the price advanced from 88 cents per ton in 1905 to 95 cents in 1906, and the value of the coal at the mines was 10.5 per cent, notwithstanding the decrease in production.

Of the two important coal-producing counties, Tazewell and Wise, the production of the former decreased nearly 50,000 tons, but that of the latter increased by nearly that amount. There was a decrease in the production of other counties, and of small mines, amounting to 20,177 short tons, which was within 215 tons of the total decrease of the State.

The number of men employed in 1906 was 6,131, against 5,730 in 1905. The average number working on any one day increased from 241 to 250 days in 1906. The average production per man increased from 74.6 tons in 1905 to 82.2 tons in 1906, while the average daily production per man increased from 3.10 tons to 3.22 tons.

Men Unorganized.—The larger number of miners in Virginia are unorganized, and the coal-mining operations are conducted on a basis of a ten-hour day. In 1906, 39 mines, employing 4,254 men, worked ten hours; 5 mines, employing 727 men, worked nine hours; and 10 mines, employing 1,150 men, worked eight hours. The total of 105 men, worked eight hours a day.

Two more mining machines were in use in the Virginia mines in 1906, but only 37 were in use at the end of the year. The machine-mined product increased from 299,270 short tons in 1905 to 424,315 in 1906—a little over 6 per cent.

No strikes or other labor troubles were reported during the year, nor have there been any in the past three years. Virginia was a comparatively important coal-producing State when the census of 1840 was taken, the Piedmont region having been developed contemporaneously with the Maryland region a few years before. With the separation of West Virginia from the Mother State, Virginia lost the greater portion of her coal fields, but the enormous wealth was not at that time realized. The production of coal fell off from 455,124 short tons in 1852 to 46,000 tons in 1863, and there was not much increase over this output until 1883, when the Norfolk and Western Railway penetrated the Pocahontas-Flat Top region. In the early part of the following decade the Clinch Valley extension of the Norfolk and Western was completed, and the Wise county field was opened up.

The output of the State has shown a steady increase every year, but two since that time. The maximum production was reached in 1905, when 4,275,217 short tons were mined.

First Coal Mine Opened.—The first bituminous coal mined in the United States was taken from what is usually termed the Richmond basin, a small area in the counties of Buchanan, Henric, Powhatan and Chesterfield counties, which are partially embraced in the district.

The occurrence of coal in this district was known as early as 1700, and W. J. Nicolais, in his "Story of American Coals," states that mines were opened and worked on the James River, near Richmond, in 1750. This antedates by nineteen years the first reliable record of the use of anthracite in Pennsylvania, but unfortunately Nicolais does not give his authority for his statement.

But in 1780 shipments of coal were made to some of the Northern States, but there is no record of the amount of coal produced in this district until 1822, when, according to Mr. R. C. Taylor, in his "Statistics of Coal," 14,000 short tons were mined. During the latter part of the nineteenth century extensive, but unsuccessful efforts were made to re-establish the industry in the Richmond field. The coal could not be forced upon the market in competition with the higher grade coal from other fields, and the small quantity now mined is consumed locally.

Two Semi-Anthrathic Fields.—Virginia contains two small outlying basins from the Appalachian fields, one in Frederick county, and the other in Pulaski and Montgomery counties. In both fields the coal is semi-anthrathic, but the coal in the latter field is of a higher grade, and the Montgomery-Pulaski fields.

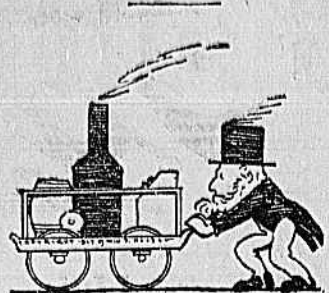
Major J. Hoge Tyler owns, or owned until recently, a valuable mine on his Belleharbour farm in Pulaski.

W. J. Payne, of Richmond, was at the head of the company which built a railroad from Christiansburg to Pulaski in 1905, tapping the coal beds. This road, as I have said, had occasion to mention a few years ago, is the only one in the world, it is believed, which is ballasted with coal.

It is probable that the Montgomery-Pulaski mines may become important producers. But the field which offers most attractions is believed to be the deposits surrounding Richmond. The coal in this field is of a higher grade, and the development of the coal engine would seem to offer a market close at hand for the product of the mines. There may be a future for the Richmond basin mines.

Policemen Kellum and Pendleton raided a negro crap joint at No. 211 North Eleventh Street last night, bringing in several negroes and a white man. The white man was charged with being a gambler, and the negroes with being accessories. The white man was held in the station house to await trial.

"Berry's for Clothes"



Puter Cooper in August, 1828, started his first coal mine.

In 1840, the first continuous railroad line connecting New York and Boston. To-day there are about 250,000 miles of Railroad in the U. S. and 10,000 people killed and 90,000 injured during 1000 in railroad accidents.

Still these figures probably won't deter any one from a trip this summer, and no matter where you cannot get a better outfit for clothing than we offer this week.

Sack suits, patterns that won't show the dust, at \$12.75.

Blue serge that will stand the weather, at \$15.00.

Outing Suits that will stand hard play, at \$9.75.

Were \$15.00.

Negligee Shirts—Outing

Pants—Straw Hats—Neck-

wear—all at a third to a half off the prices!

C. H. Berry & Co.

MEN'S & BOYS' OUTFITTERS

FRAYSER'S BOOKS

ARE CORRECT

New Treasurer of County Has

Special Examination Made

by Experts.

Mr. W. B. Frayser, who was appointed treasurer of Henrico county by Judge Scott last spring after the removal of Mr. H. C. Hechler, has been examined by a committee of experts to go over the affairs of his office and certify as to the manner in which the office has been kept. Both Mr. Frayser and Mr. Hechler are candidates for election by the people at the approaching primary, and there are two other candidates, Messrs. Watt and Broadhead, in the field.

Mr. Frayser points with pride to the report of the examiners, and says that much of the credit is due to his deputy, Mr. Sidney M. O'Bannon. The letter reads as follows:

"W. B. Frayser, Treasurer, Henrico County, Va.:—We have made a thorough examination of the books and records in your office, and find from the time of your appointment to date that all receipts and disbursements are properly accounted for, and that the books are neat and intelligible. Yours respectfully,
(Signed) 'H. B. BOUDAR & SON.'"

HOWITZERS WILL HAVE MOONLIGHT

The Howitzers' moonlight, which was postponed on account of the death of one of their members, will be run next Thursday, August 29th. This is said to be the last time the Howitzers will be run, and will undoubtedly be a great success, as all of the boys and their friends are working hard to make it a success. The Howitzers will have a great number of tickets have been sold, and a large crowd is expected to go.

The entire present battery will go in dress uniform, and a great many in the Howitzers will go with the boys. The Howitzers will have a great number of tickets have been sold, and a large crowd is expected to go.

SIX-ROUND BOUT AT FAIR GROUNDS

An interesting feature of the striking telegraphers' barbecue at the Virginia State Fair Grounds on August 31st will be a six-round boxing bout between George W. Herbert and J. P. Morgan, two well-known local fistic athletes. The match will be under Queensbury rules, and a decision will be given at the close of the sixth round on the question of superiority.

Both men are said to be handy with their fists, and a prize of \$100 is anticipated if the bout is pulled off. A forfeit of \$100 has been posted to bind the match, and both men have signed up.

No charge for admission to the grounds will be made on this occasion, when an interesting athletic program will be carried out.

Highest Price for Tobacco.

Editor of The Times-Dispatch:—Sir,—I see by your morning's edition that you say Messrs. W. D. Butler & Co., of Stonewall Warehouse, got the highest price for tobacco yesterday. The highest tobacco was sold on our warehouse floor for J. H. Kay, of Carolina—65 cents at \$23 per hundred.

SILAS SHELLEBURNE & SON,

Richmond, Va., August 24th.

Dentist's Outhouse Stolen.

Horace Nicholas (colored) was arrested last night on the charge of having burglariously entered and stolen and carried away some of the contents of the house and store of C. S. Smith, particular things which were of value to take away, and which were not recovered, were one lot of dentists' tools of considerable value. Nicholas did not explain to what use he expected to put the tools.

Walter Looked Up.

Harry Jackson, a colored waiter, was charged on a warrant with stealing \$7.50 from Clay Brokenbough, a white man. Jackson was locked up at the First Station last night.

No Lights Out.

Redford & Garrett, contractors, were reported last night for failure to place lights on a pile of building material in front of No. 825 East Main Street. The lanterns were supplied by the officers of the First Station.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY.

WANTED: AN EXPERIENCED MARK-

ETTER AND SORTER. Apply at PERRY'S

LAUNDRY, 608 West Broad Street.

NEWSIES TAKE BEE- LINE FOR WARPATH

"No History, Arts and Manufac-
tures for Them!"—
Just "Fun."

THIS WEEK VERY IMPORTANT

Programmes of More Than Usual
Interest Provided Each/
Day and Evening.

TO-MORROW'S PROGRAM AT JAMESTOWN EXPOSITION

Conventions Meeting—American
Osteopathic Association.
SPECIAL FEATURES OF THE DAY:
Drill by Battery D, Third Artillery.

Concert, Exposition Band, States'
Exhibition Building.

Violin and Piano Recital, Mr.
Earl J. Plouffe and Edwin M. Shor-

ner, Auditorium.

Vithignion Zouaves, Warpath.
Organ Recital, T. W. Musgrove,
Auditorium.

Grand Parade, Twenty-third
United States Cavalry.

Fireworks.

STATED PROGRAM EVERY DAY.

Concert, Exposition Band, Main
Gate.

Exhibition of Weather Bureau
Earthquake Recorder, Government
Building A, (hourly).

Special Exhibition by the Fisk
Jubilee Singers at the Negro Build-

ing A.

Concert, Philharmonic United States
Band, Raleigh Square.

Preparation of large Weather
Map from reports from all sections
of country, Government Build-

ing A.

Sessions of Children's School
Farm.

Mexican National Band Concert,
Raleigh Court.

Session of Model School.

Biographical and Stereoscopic Ex-

hibition, Scenes on Indian Reserva-

tion, with lecture, Interior Depart-

ment, Government Building A.

Biographical Exhibition and Lec-

ture, Scenes in Yosemite Valley,
Government Building A.

"Philharmonic United States Band,
Auditorium.

United States Life Saving Ser-

vice Drill at Station.

Illustrated Lecture, "Reclaiming
the Desert," by Mr. J. C. Blanch-

ard, Government Building A.

Illustrated Lecture, "Yellowstone
National Park," by Mr. E. C. Cul-

ver, Interior Department, Govern-

ment Building A.

Mexican National Band Concert,
Raleigh Square.

Concert, Exposition Band, Ra-

leigh Square.

Combined Bands, Reviewing
Stand.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

JAMESTOWN EXPOSITION

GROUND, August 24.—Newsboys' Day

at the fair brought several hundred

young Americans here from Norfolk

and the cities of the East and Middle

West. Heading the very live young

citizens were Judge W. R. Vaughan, of

St. Louis, president, and Harry Mc-

Knight, vice-president of the Ameri-

can Newsboys' Association.

The "newsies" made their appearance

at the main entrance to the exposition

shortly before 9 o'clock. They marched

directly to the Auditorium, filed into

it, and took charge for the formal ex-

ercises of the day. "First 'America'"

was sung by the boys, under the direc-

tion of William W. Whitely, musi-

cal director of the exposition. R. H.

Sexton, exposition director of con-

gresses and special events of the ex-

position, who acted as presiding offi-

cer for the occasion, introduced Hon. J.

Taylor Elyson, director of history and

education. He made an excellent speech

address before the boys, speaking

words of congratulation, advice and

encouragement.

He got close to the boys, and they

freely interrupted him by cheers and

applause. The president of the build-

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WARM WELCOME TO ROYAL VISITOR

Young Lady "Who Was There"
Describes Entertainment of
Prince Wilhelm.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

JAMESTOWN EXPOSITION
GROUND, August 24.—An enthusiastic
and cheerful young Virginia woman
wrote the following interesting story
of the recent visit of Prince Wilhelm
to the exposition:

August 19th, Swedish Day, will
stand out in the history of the ex-
position in a unique way. There were
not the crowds had on opening day,
Virginia Day, Georgia Day, West Vir-
ginia Day, July Fourth, or North Car-
olina Day, but there was a tenseness
in the interest felt in the arrival of
Prince Wilhelm, the German Emperor's
son, and his wife, the Princess.

They were met by a young and noble girl and
wears a uniform quite similar to the
American Navy, all surrender, and not
only the day, but the crowd are his.
The fact that his arrival was delayed
four hours by a storm be-
tween Bermuda and here only served
to heighten the interest, and he was
given a warm welcome. A battalion
from the Twelfth Regiment, United
States Cavalry, acted as guard and
in front of the day, the State

Building when he arrived there. He
was driven from the wharf to the
building in the carriage with the
Swedish Minister, Baron Lagerkrantz,
and President Tucker. The New York
State commission had graciously ten-
dered the butler and the

luncheon which he gave to the
prince and twenty gentlemen, invited
to meet him. The guests were the
prince and his aides, Baron Lager-
krantz, Admiral Harrington, Admiral
Barry, Captain Green, Captain Thom-

son, Captain Pennington, Major
Mallory, Captain Meritt, Senator
Dunn, Mr. Alvin H. Martin, Mr. South-
gate, Lieutenant-Governor Elyson, Mr.
Kent, of Missouri; Lieutenant Cootes,
Lieutenant Bagby.

Mr. Tucker relieved the guests in
the hall, and led the way into luncheon
with the prince, and then retired, as it
was a "stag affair." The table and
dining-room, in fact, all the building,
had been decorated in the colors and
flags of the German Empire, and the
decorations had done their best.

The dining-room had huge masses of
corn, in tassels, and sun-flowers in the
corners, tied with blue ribbons, and
covered with white cloths. The table
was draped from the center to the corner
of the ceiling. The mantels were banked
with golden glory and the same
flowers, mingled with the blue corn-
flowers, formed the centerpiece for the
large, round table. The centerpiece
was bordered with feathers, ferns,
which gave a very light and airy effect.

The menu cards were most attractive,
with the beautiful Jamestown seal and
the flags of Sweden and the United
States crossed. The small lunch rolls,
iced with blue and yellow, and the
dainty bonbons, cakes in fruit forms,
candies with yellow shades and all
the details were charmingly carried
out, and the menu by a Baltimore
caterer left nothing to be desired.

After luncheon, the prince and
the Swedish minister, the
President Tucker, accompanied by the
military escort, drove to the Grand
stand on the parade ground, where
there was an elaborate drill in honor
of the highness. In the evening
the prince and his wife, the Princess,
Mrs. Tucker gave a very charming
fete to the prince, to which a limited
number of guests were invited. The
company was composed principally of
young people, and included the mid-
shipmen of the navy, with their
wives, and also a number of our own
"middles." The clubhouse of the Army
and Navy had been tendered Mr. and
Mrs. Tucker for the evening, and pre-
sented a most charming and festive
appearance. The decorations of the
hallroom were in the Swedish colors—
blue and yellow—and tended to recall
"Home, Sweet Home," to the young
foreign midshipmen, who might other-
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